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SUBJECT: EXIT ROUTES OF CUBAN REFUGEES

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1. EMBASSY KNOWS OF NO CASES WHERE GOM HAS REFUSED TO PERMIT CUBANS DOCUMENTED FOR ENTRY INTO U.S. TO TRANSIT MEXICAN TERRITORY. THE PROCESS MAY, HOWEVER, BE CUMBERSOME. APPLICATION FOR TRANSIT VISA MUST BE MADE WITH MEXICAN CONSUL IN HAVANA, WHO TRANSMITS IT TO SECRETARIAT OF FOREIGN RELATIONS, MEXICO CITY, WHICH IN TURN TRANSMITS IT TO SECRETARIAT OF GOBERNACION (INTERIOR). IN GOBERNACION, ACTION MUST BE TAKEN BY OFFICIAL MAYOR (CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER), FOURTH RANKING OFFICER OF THE SECRETARIAT. AS MIGHT BE EXPECTED, THERE ARE OFTEN DELAYS UNTIL THE OFICIAL MAYOR CAN GET AROUND TO APPROVING THE APPLICATION.

2. EMBASSY MEXICO CITY HAS ON A NUMBER OF OCCASIONS BEEN REQUESTED TO FACILITATE THE ISSUANCE OF VISAS, BOTH TO AMERICANS IN CUBA AND TO CUBANS RELATED TO AMERICANS IN CASES WHERE CUBAN EXIT PERMIT WAS ABOUT TO EXPIRE OR YOUNG
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MAN WAS ABOUT TO REACH AN AGE WHICH WOULD PRECLUDE HIS DEPARTURE FROM CUBA. EMBASSY CAN SPEED UP VISA ISSUANCE, BUT EACH CASE REQUIRES AN OFFICIAL LETTER, ABOUT EIGHT HOURS RS A SENIOR LOCAL EMPLOYEE'S TIME, TWO TRIPS TO THE SECRETARIAT OF GOBERNACION, AND COST OF A TELEGRAM TO HAVANA. IF JAMAICAN TRANSIT VISAS ARE MORE RAPIDLY AVAILABLE, MEXICO CITY SUGGESTS THAT ROUTE BE RECOMMENDED.

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